

# Award Winners continued.

## National Book Award

The National Book Award is presented annually in November and recognizes outstanding contributions to children's literature with an emphasis on literary merit. There are several nominees each year and one award winner.

The following is a list of recent National Book Award winners which are suitable for middle school students:

Holt, Kimberly. *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*

Martinez, Victor. *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida*

Nolan, Han. *Dancing on the Edge*

Sachar, Louis. *Holes*

Whelan, Gloria. *Homeless Bird*

## Edgar Allen Poe Award

Presented annually by the Mystery Writers of America, the Edgar Allen Poe Award honors authors for their outstanding contributions to mystery, crime and suspense writing. There is both a children's and young adult category.

The following is a list of recent Edgar Allen Poe Award winners which are recommended for middle school students:

Hobbs, Will. *Ghost Canoe*

MacGregor, Rob. *Prophecy Rock*

Nixon, Joan Lowry. *The Name of the Game Was Murder*

Taylor, Theodore. *The Weirdo*

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief*

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Never Trust a Dead Man*

Werlin, Nancy. *The Killer's Cousin*

## Best Books Lists

Every year, various groups publish their list of best books for a particular age group. These lists can provide teachers and librarians a place to start when looking for new titles to recommend to their students. The following is a list of some of the better known of these lists and how to find them.

### ALA Best Books

The American Library Association announces their list of best books at the annual midwinter meeting. The complete list is published in the March editions of School Library Journal and Booklist. You can also find the lists on the Internet.

ALA Notable Books for Children: <http://ala.org/alsc/nbook01.html>

ALA Best Books for Young Adults: [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya/](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya/)

ALA Quick Picks for the Reluctant Reader: [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/quickpicks/](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/quickpicks/)

ALA Book List for the College Bound: [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb/index.html](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb/index.html)